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SUBJ: LENINGRAD PARTICIPATION AT CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM

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1. CONGEN AGREES WITH OBSERVATION PARA 7 REFTEL THAT ROMANOV'S FAILURE TO SPEAK AT PLENUM SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS SLIPPAGE IN HIS POSITION. WE KNOW OF NO ILLNESS OR OTHER REASON WHICH WOULD HAVE PRECLUDED HIS SCHEDULED APPEARANCE AS A DISCUSSANT AT THE PLENUM.

2. BARRING THE UNKNOWN, WE TEND TO CONSIDER THAT LENINGRAD CITY FIRST SECRETARY ARISTOV, WIDELY CONSIDERED HERE AS ABLE FORCE WHO HAS HIS STUFF VERY MUCH TOGETHER, WAS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO HIS THING AT PROMINENCE OF PLENUM WITH ROMANOV'S PATERNAL APPROVAL. SOME LENIGRADOLOGISTS SPECULATE ARISTOV MAY BE SLATED FOR EVENTUAL MOVE INTO THE OBLAST FIRST SECRETARSHIP OF THE PARTY WHEN AND AS ROMANOV GETS A FULL POLUTBURO SEAT AND, IN THIS SCENARIO, CENTRAL FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES.
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